OT 0 6 700

PTO/SB/08A (05-03)
Approved for use through 5/31/2003. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known					
Application Number	10/601,430				
Filing Date	June 23, 2003				
First Named Inventor	irst Named Inventor K.C. Ericksen				
Group Art Unit					
Examiner Name					
Attorney Docket Number	3146.2.24				

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner		Document Number Publication Date  Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevan		
Initials *	Cite No.		MM-DD-YYYY	Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
THE	U1	US-782,552	Feb. 14, 1905	J.H. Glauber		
1	U2	US-1,833,040	Nov. 24, 1931	H.K. Rader		
	U3	US-3,083,914	Apr. 2, 1963	T.L. Smith et al.		
	U4	US-4,007,877	Feb. 15, 1977	Jackson et al.		
	U5	US-4,274,592	Jun. 23, 1981	Westhusin		
	U6	US-4,519,544	May 28, 1985	Szabo		
	U7	US-4,643,523	Feb. 17, 1987	Smedley et al.		
We	U8	US-5,133,501	Jul. 28, 1992	Marshall		

	/	ter terminal and the second se
Examiner Signature	Date Considered	10/5/2004

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04.
<sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.